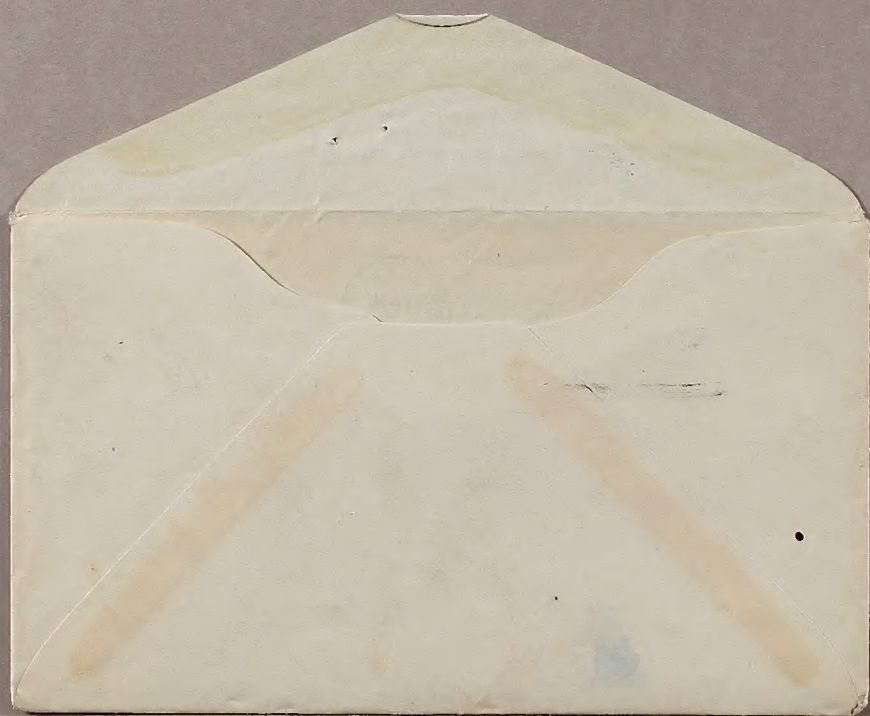


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Feb 26 - 1945 - Dearest Dolly:-
Just met one your dear, welcome
letter which

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Came this
morning, - For days you and
Kathleen have been in my thoughts
almost constantly and, as a
matter of fact, I intended writing
you today anyway to send
special love and birthday
greetings, - You and darling
Kathleen are never far re-
moved from my thoughts -
I love to hear from you - but
when I don't hear I know
the old affection and understand-
ing never wanes - but that
you must be extra busy, or,
(and this does worry me) that

you may^{not} be well - Werd af you
come in a round about way
about a week ago - when a
letter from Sister Louise - in
Florida - brought three news-
paper pictures of Kathleen
and word from Lucia Paard
that she had heard Kathleen's
beautiful Concert with the
Toronto Orchestra - and
that she looks handsome
and well -

I am so interested to hear of
the broadcasting and all
the Quartets and other Concerts
wish they could be heard on
our radio!

Love Dear. I am so very sorry to

hear of your illness - and of the
distressing time with - leaks - boiler
etc - It has ^{159 EAST 49TH STREET} been a very
^{NEW YORK CITY 17} hard winter - We hear on all
sides of leaking roofs - huge snow
drifts etc - Poor Florence was up
part of one night tapping up leaks
which ruined her freshly decorated
hall - and Miss Pond says that every
house in Sharon had leaks - Catherine
closed her house first week in January
and Lucia with her two kiddies went
over to spend the winter at Woodlawn
with Evelyn Jones - (Frank Jones died
some months ago - and Lucia's hus-
band is in the So. Pacific - somewhere?)
They sold their lovely home in Cherry Chase
Washington - D.C. - and most of their
furniture - for which there was immedi-
ate and urgent demand - One woman
kept because her bedroom furniture
had been sold - She just kept her trunks
and special pieces - all else brought high
prices and won't be needed until she can

have her own home again. The plan to share
home and expenses with Evelyns has worked
out well - but they had a very hard winter
weatherwise - my family are all well - The
boys are all doing splendidly - see them
often and they are all a joy - Catherine
has been here since Jan 5 - we have such a
good time together - like the same things and
the same people - she does the cooking (except
breakfast) and I do the rest - we have my faithful
little Albert who does all laundry & cleaning -
so we are very fortunate - Altha has a lovely
home and an excellent maid - so has Helen -
Pats Florence can only get part-time service
& they dine at hotel - maids get \$1.00 - \$1.25 - \$1.50
per month every where! - meat is very scarce
but we dine out a good deal and manage to like
it - recently took us to 7th Regiment to dine
good food - I had turtle steak very good - like, shrimp,
beef cutlets - and Friday the Mallot Prevosts dined
with us at the Republican Women's Club - I had
Buffalo pot roast - with fine sauce & vegetables -
good - but not for steady diet!
we read a lot as always - have just finished
"Wife to Mr. Milton" - strange book but interesting
Wonder how much is fact -
Please be a good girl and buy yourself some
little little day present with enclosed - some-
thing you want - Catherine joins me sending
love from my - both - Take good care of our beloved
Baby - don't get sick again - so they have some
one to help you - Best of every thing to

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Believe's Parlours:

Just a line

to send love from us all and
every good wish for Christmas,
the New Year and the years to
follow - and the hope that 1945
may bring Peace to this saddened
world -

How are you? I am longing for
some word of how the world is
treating you both and that you
are not abusing each other!!

I think of you every day - the
little calendar is to remind you that
I shall be thinking of you each day
in 1945 and of our many happy
hours together -

Keep well and very busy - plan to go
up to Allha for four or five days
over Christmas - Her Anne - ^{Hutchinson} now fifteen -

Don't forget to write to me - I am always thinking of you -

away at boarding school - North field -
Mass - loves it and is doing fine work.
She comes home this week for a
month's holiday (the only one of the Green
children) - The family are all well -
the boys all terribly busy - working
over time as usual in order to turn
out all the war orders - Did I tell
you the Company name - (North Adams,
these big shops - over 4000 employees)
has taken the name of Frank's old
Company - The Sprague Electric Company
which of course pleases me - Julian's boy
Frank J. 2^d - is in the South Pacific
was in the first invasion of Leyte and
several others - (He's 18!) Bob Jr.
was selected to take a course in Cryptography
(only one in 40 who passed the test) The aviation
school where he had been instructor has
closed and they won't take him in the
regular air service because of defective
vision - He may go over seas later - hopes to
get home for Christmas - Lucia Gay's husband
Navy Lieutenant in Sea Bees has sailed for the Pacific

They cut their vacation for home and leaving with - Christmas - after Christmas they go to England for 4 weeks and then come home for 4 weeks and then go to California and California comes here for 4 weeks